

MPI advice on Fast-track Listed Project Application

Application name	Newcombe Road Sand Quarry project
Application number	FTA131
Applicant	RS Sand Limited
Whether the application is ineligible under Clause 18 of the FTA Bill	No
Other authorisations that may be required from MPI	
Aquaculture settlement considerations	N/A
Fisheries settlement considerations	N/A
Impacts of a project on Māori development and PSGE priorities	<p>Quarry site on private land.</p> <p>Site falls within Waikato River co-governance area, and therefore subject to the Vision and Strategy, deemed part of the Waikato Regional Policy Statement.</p> <p>MPI has Agriculture, Biosecurity and Forestry Accords with Raukawa and Waikato-Tainui who have interests in this area.</p>
Other matters to note	<p>Comments from Water Availability and Security team –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No specific water availability or security concerns. - The environmental assessment report alludes to a groundwater take consent. Not sure if this consent is included to the application. - Surface water and groundwater assessment based on existing data and models look complete. This should help with a good monitoring programme if the project gets through. - In May 2023, the applicant had lodged a consent and a decision is awaited at the time of this FTA application.

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